54th Engineer Battalion assumes authority in Iraq



Story by Cpt. Dax Pummill 54th EN BN HSC Commander

On June 19, 2008, the 54th Engineer Battalion assumed responsibility on Camp Striker, Iraq from the 479th Engineer Battalion. The 479th Engineer Battalion, under the leadership of Major Jason Wallace and Command Sergeant Major John Dobranski, is based out of Watertown, New York and provided full spectrum of engi-

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Lieutenant Colonel Christopher D. Lestochi (I) and Command Sergeant Major Eric S. Omundson will lead the 54th Engineer Battalion in Iraq for the next 15 months conducting missions such as route clearance, vertical and horizontal construction, and partnership with Iraqi Army units. Pictures taken by SFC Kevin D. Wingard

Yellow Ribbon Room re-opens to resounding applause

Story and photo by Jocelyn Bright-Smith

The Yellow Ribbon Room, a place where Family Readiness Groups (FRG) held meetings and units held functions, was re-opened Wednesday after a short—and much needed—kitchen renovation.

Debbie Milhorn, a military spouse and active FRG member, noted that the kitchen "had an awesome facelift."

Ginger Chun agreed saying, "It's beautiful!"

The renovation was started and executed by Army Community Services (ACS). According to Al Bonilla, the Mobilization and Deployment Manager, a work order was put in, and about a year later "it came to life" with just one month needed to remodel it.

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Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg cuts the grand re-opening ribbon that held the anxious crowd at bay.

Due to IACS complications, Gate 1 will not open before July 31.

Gate 1 turnstile is now open for pedestrian exit only.

Joint Task Force - East now open for business

Story and photo by Sgt. Aimee Millham JTF-E Public Affairs

With contributions from 541st Sapper Co.

MK AIRFIELD ADMINISTRATION CENTER, Romania -- A June 30 ceremony marked the official beginning of Joint Task Force – East's second annual rotation.

Building on last year's training, this rotation will offer soldiers an opportunity to train in a joint and combined environment.

"Let us strive to build on the success of the previous events and forge a path forward that enhances a future cooperation and security between our great countries," said Lt. Col. Michael Borg, commander of Task Force Vampire, the name of the American contingent training here.

JTF-East's main mission to have U.S. rotational units train with and build enhanced relationships with Romanian and Bulgarian units. There are approximately

900 U.S. service members and civilian personnel here.

USAG Bamberg is contributing to these efforts through the manpower of the 541st Sapper Company. 541st Soldiers are playing an integral part of this training and relations building mission.

Upon their arrival at MK Airbase in Eastern Romania, the 541st Sapper Company began its participation in Joint Task Force East's mission to assist in the training of the Romanian Army.

In addition to training the Romanians, the Outlaws have been given unique opportunities to explore the country and interact with their Romanian counterparts outside of work.

From visiting Bucharest and the Black Sea to competing against the Romanians in friendly soccer matches, the Outlaws are being immersed in this new culture. This deployment has given the young company practice in the increasingly relevant task of promoting interoperability among NATO nations.

Besides improving combat skills, the training also allows countries that fight together in Iraq and Afghanistan to train together.

"The military area we fight in is so small and the probability to meet again in a real combat situation is very high," said Lt. Col. Florin Stan, 21st Mountain Battalion commander.

The training will also test command and control capabilities for future brigadesized deployments.

For more information regarding JTF-E please contact the Public Affairs Office, 0241 608 079, DSN 770-8079, cpicjtf-east@eur.army.mil.



Pvt. Cory Gatling removes chock blocks from a HEMTT during rail head off-loading in Romania. Photo courtesy Cpt. Clinton Brown.



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54th TOA

Lt. Col. Christopher Lestochi delivers his welcoming remarks at the Transfer of Authority Ceremony. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin D. Wingard

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neer support in response to contingency missions. After serving in Iraq for 9 months, the 479th Engineers officially cased their colors as the 54th Engineer Battalion uncased theirs and assumed their new mission.

The 54th Engineer Battalion arrived in Iraq between June 6 and 7. Upon arrival to Camp Striker, they began a 10-day Relief In Place (RIP) Process. The 54th EN BN Soldiers shadowed the 479th Soldiers for the initial five days learning their new roles and responsibilities. For the final five days the 479th Soldiers continued to mentor and coach while the 54th Soldiers took on the preponderance of the mission load across the battle space ensuring the 54th EN BN Soldiers were fully prepared to assume the mission on June 19.

The Transfer of Authority Ceremony was conducted with representatives from the 18th Engineer Brigade, the 20th Engineer Brigade, 10th Mountain Division and the Reserve Component showing their support for both the incoming and outgoing engineer battalions. The speakers at the ceremony included Col. Peter Deluca, 20th Engineer Brigade Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Lestochi and Wallace.

Lestochi and Omundson will lead the 54th Engineer Battalion in Iraq for the next 15 months conducting missions such as route clearance, vertical and horizontal construction, and partnership with Iraqi Army units.

Sidewalk upgrades



Uwe Wohlfeil sets the stones beside the curb of the renovated sidewalk near the Community Bank parking lot. In addition to the areas pulled up to repair the existing sidewalk the driveway into the adjoining parking lot is also being worked on. These improvements are all in support of the garrison for the Warrior Transition Unit upgrades. Photo by Trecia A. Wilson.

Register for Vacation Bible School

USAG Bamberg Community Vacation Bible School will be held Aug. 11-15, 9-11:45 a.m. at the Roller Realm (Bldg. 7116). This year's theme, SonForce Klds, will have klds learning in the farthest reaches of the galaxy about how to "be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9). The SonForce agents' five daily missions are to trust, unite, train, follow and lead.

Registration has already begun! Sign up today at the Chapel (Bldg. 7040) or by calling Luke Granger at CIV: 09513001570. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of a space exploration that's out-of-this-world!

Volunteers needed.



AAFES Back-to-School Essay Contest

School may be out for the summer, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has one more assignment for military dependents. The "Back-To-School Essay Contest" will give students in grades first through twelfth the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What 24. The itinerary for this year's training AAFES means to me and my family." The essay contest, which runs from Jun. 27-Aug. 31, will consist of four categories (1st - 3rd, 4th - 6th, 7th - 9th and 10th -12th grades) with three winners from each category. First place winners in each category will receive a computer, second place winners will be awarded \$500 savings bonds and \$200 savings bonds will be issued to third place winners. Complete rules, includ- Transition Assistance Workshop ing release forms and specific instructions The Army Career and Alumni Program on submitting essays, are available at www.aafes.com under the "Patriot Family Connection" link.

Community Flea Market and Second Hand Car sale

The Community Flea Market and Second Hand Car Sale will be held Sat. Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center on the sidewalk (East side next to the parade field). Registration for these events will be at the CAC, Mon.- Fri., Aug. 18-22. The fee for a table at the Flea Market is \$5/table. The fee for the Second Hand Car Sale is free although you must register your cars Mon. - Fri., Aug. 18-22 at the CAC. Set up will be from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. for both events. The road will close at 8:45 a.m. The sale opens at 9 a.m. FRG's requesting to sell concessions will be approved by DMWR. Customs laws do apply and only US ID card holders may sell and purchase goods sold.

Renewal on AD License Plates

Please be aware! You can no longer renew license plates that begin with the letters AD. They are being recalled. Please bring in a new double white insurance card from your insurance company along with your renewal paperwork and your plates. For further information please contact the Vehicle Registration Office at DSN:469-7580 or CIV: 0951-300-7580.

AAFES Fuel Ration Card info on DVD

Learn more about the new AAFES Fuel information DVD from the Bamberg Library. new workforce of tomorrow!

Community Announcements Mandatory training for supervisors Community Bank hiring tellers of civilian employees

All Department of the Army civilian employees (AF and NAF) must complete a minimum of 3 hours of substance abuse and other prevention education annually. training course for supervisors of civilian employees will be held at the Education Center, Bldg. 7047, in Room 303 on July program includes: substance abuse prevention and drugs of abuse update, suicide prevention, and stress/anger management. For registration or information, please contact the EAPC at 469-7038 or Darlene.Copeland@eur.army.mil.

ACAP Department of Labor (DOL)

(ACAP) is offering a 2.5-day DOL job assistance workshop for separating and retiring Soldiers on Aug. 12-14 at Preston Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (final day ends at 12:30). All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at DSN: **EEO training postponed until** 469-8925.

Elementary School Enrollment

If you haven't enrolled your child for 2008-09 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Call CIV:0951-300-7616 for more information. Registration hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Federal Job Application Seminar

Interested in applying for a job with the Federal Government? The Federal Government requires a specific application which is a difference from what most civilian employers want. ACAP will hold a seminar to teach you how to apply on July tional information, please contact Carlos Ra-14 from 1 to 3 p.m. You should have already completed the TAP Workshop prior 9487 or Charles D. Thornton, EEO specialist, to this seminar. For more information or to at register, call ACAP at 469-8925 or register charles.d.thornton@eur.army.mil. at https://www.acapexpress.army.mil.

Job Opportunities

AAFES accepting applications

Bamberg AAFES locations are accepting applications for entry level retail and food service positions. Join the team, log on to Ration Card Program by checking out the www.aafes.com today and be part of our

Community Bank, operated by Bank of America, is hiring bank tellers. Bank of America is an employment opportunity employer. For more information, contact direct recruitment at the banking center at CIV: 095137061.

Closures / Changes

Installation Property Book Office moving

The Installation Property Book Office (IPBO) will move during the week of Jul. 14 - 18 from its current location in bldg 7119 to bldg 7107 (DOL HQ Bldg). There will be limited services at that time due to movement of all automation equipment and personnel. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Vehicle Registration closed

Vehicle Registration Office will be closed after 11 a.m. on July 31 due to annual In-

further notice

The USAG Bamberg Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office training for individuals nominated to serve as collateral duty EEO counselors has been cancelled. The counselor training scheduled for Aug. 4-8, 2008 has been cancelled until further notice. The reason for the cancellation is based on the decision by IMCOM Europe, EEO chief to conduct a train the trainer EEO counselor course for all IMCOM Europe EEO professionals. Once completed, individuals nominated to serve as collateral duty EEO counselors at each garrison will be trained by the garrison trainer/s. For questions or addimirez-Vazquez, EEO manager at DSN:469-DSN:469-8750. o r email:

DEERS / ID Cards

Effective immediately, customers will experience some inconveniences due to the reintegration of our deployed Soldiers back into the Bamberg community. The DEERS / ID Cards office hours are:

•Mon.- Fri. 8 -11:30 a.m. (Redeployed Soldiers & WTU ONLY)

•Mon.- Fri.1 - 4 p.m.

All other Soldiers/community members

Passport Office

Appointment only basis until further notice. Please call DSN:469-8928/7611 to schedule appointments.

Veterinary facility's new hours

Bamberg Veterinary Treatment Facility's new hours of operation are: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thur. from 1 to 3:30 p.m. By appointment only. No walk-in appointments available. Closed for surgery on Tue. and training Thur. mornings. The clinic is closed on the last weekday of the month for inventory, as well as all American and training holidays. Hours are subject to change due to military and training events. Over-the-counter products and prescriptions may be purchased during regular hours of operation. Due to the high demand for appointments, please notify the clinic of cancellations 24 hours in CYS Summer Camps advance. In case of emergency, please contact any off-post veterinarian. A list of off-post veterinarians is available at the clinic. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call CIV:0951-300-7972 during operating hours.

USAREUR Finance offices closed

Finance offices throughout USAREUR will be closed Tue. July 15 to attend the inactivation ceremony for the Schwetzingen, Germany command.

Weekly Reminders

Health Clinic Limited Services

Family members will be limited to same day and well-baby appointments beginning in July to accommodate reintegration. Family members, civilians and retirees are asked to please get their medication refills, well woman exams and routine appointments taken care of ahead of time. For more information, contact the Health Clinic at DSN:469-1750 or CIV:0951-300-1750.

AAFES product shuttle service

A reminder to all Bamberg AAFES customers. Please inquire about our free shuttle service. If we don't have the item you want in Bamberg, we'll get it for you from another BX/PX, Bookmark or Power Zone. AAFES profits go back into the Bamberg DSN:469-1710. Course registration deadcommunity through the Morale, Welfare line for is Jul. 18.

and Recreation programs. Bamberg money stays in Bamberg when you transfer items from another BX/PX using the shuttle service! Contact AAFES customer service for more information DSN:469-8574.

Bring two ID's to enter gate 2

The USAG Bamberg Force Protection Office reminds all ID card holders looking to enter through gate 2 (Zollnerstrasse) to present a second form of photo identification to gain entry. Guest sign-ins and those with only one form of identification will be directed to gate 3 (main gate). Gate 2 is open for all incoming and outgoing pedestrian traffic from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. through Fri., gate 2 is being utilized during gate 1 (Weissenburgstrasse) construction which will be complete at the end of June.

Kids & Teens

Summer camps began June 16 and will run through Aug. 23. CYS is catering programs to approx. 1,800 children at USAG Bamberg. The following camps will be offered

- SKIES Unlimited Golf Camps
- School Age Services Summer Camps
- •Middle School Teen Program and Sports and Fitness Summer Camps

For more information, call CYS Central Registration at DSN:469-8660 or CIV:0951-300-8660.

Continuing Education

Unit Prevention Leader Training

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is offering Unit Prevention Leader (UPL) Certification Training July 28 - August 1. UPLs are an integral part of a unit substance abuse program. Duties include managing and administering the unit drug testing programs, providing substance abuse prevention education to all unit Soldiers and acting as a liaison between units and ASAP. Each unit should have at least two currently certified UPLs. Certifications are good for one year. Candidates for UPL Training must be E-5 or above, not currently enrolled in the ASAP, and not under investigation for any substance abuse related issue. For more information or registration please contact the ASAP at

Bamberg Health Clinic



Quick reference guide

Primary Care Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

> **Tricare Nurse Advice Line:** 00800-4759-2330, 24 hours

Sick Call Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 7—8 a.m.

Phone numbers: Primary Care:

0951-300-1750 / 7772 / 7977

Educational & Dev. Intervention Sycs: 0951-300-7984

> **Physical Therapy:** 0951-300-9015

Department of Behavioral Health: 0951-300-7793

The Health Clinic will be closed from 1-4:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month for training.

Website:

http://www.wuerzburg.healthcare. hqusareur.army.mil/bamberg/index.htm

Upcoming Events:

Tobacco Cessation Classes are being offered every month at the Health Clinic. Please call to schedule an appointment at CIV:0951-300-1750.

Department of Behavioral Health Support group information: 0951-300-7793

Combat PTSD Group Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1 to 2:30 p.m.

> **Life Coping Skills Group** Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Women's Support Group Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Women's Trauma Group Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment & Leisure



Health and Fitness

Weight loss program at Freedom Fitness Center

"Lose weight and enjoy a little friendly weight loss competition". Teams will be formed after sign-up and an assessment screening will be done prior to actual start of event. For more info, please call Ayla Biggerstaff at 0171-496 9539 or e-mail abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com.

Combat PTSD Group

The Bamberg Behavioral Health Clinic is beginning a Combat PTSD Group offered for individuals who have experienced or witnessed combat-related traumatic events. The group deals with issues such as sleep-related problems, mood swings, coping, guilt, and relationships. Weekly meetings are held at Social Work Services, bldg. 7253 on Tue. or Thu. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information contact DSN:469-7793 or CIV:0951-300-7793. You can also find information online at http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/services/BehavioralHealth.htm.

Women's Trauma Group

The Bamberg Behavioral Health Clinic is beginning a Women's Trauma Group for women who have experienced or witnessed traumatic events. The group will deal with issues such as self-esteem, sleep-related problems, coping, guilt, relationships and specific women's issues. The weekly group meets at Social Work Services, bldg. 7253 on Thu. from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact DSN:469-7793 or CIV:0951-300-7793. You

can also find information online at http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/services/BehavioralHealth.htm.

Dental Clinic's limited services

Family member dental services will be limited to exams and cleanings beginning Aug. 1 due to reintegration. For more information, contact the Dental Clinic at DSN:469-1720 or CIV:0951-300-1720.

Lose weight, get ready for summer!

A Body Fit For You classes are available at the Freedom Fitness

Mon.: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Pilates Mon: 6-8 p.m. Boot Camp Tue.: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Boot Camp Wed.: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Pilates Thu.: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Boot Camp Thu.: 6-8 p.m. Boot Camp

For more information on these classes or a personal trainer, contact Ayla at CIV: 0951-2971120 or CIV: 0171-4969539 or email

her at abodyfitforyou@hotmail.com.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with ODR this July

Take a trip this July with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

July 11-13 Conquer the Zugspitze

\$195

Conquer the highest peak in Germany on a quick weekend trip. You will depart Friday evening, camp in Garmisch (tents will be provided), hike to an Alpine Huette on Saturday and summit on Sunday. You are responsible for meals during the hike with the exception of dinner on Saturday. Please pack accordingly. For more details, please contact Outdoor Recreation staff. Departs ODR at 6 p.m. on July 11, returns 11 p.m. July 13.

July 18 Dinner and Wine Tasting

Looking for something different from Outdoor Recreation? You will enjoy a 3 course dinner and tasting of 5 wines at nearby historic Schloss Buttenheim. Wine and gourmet items will be available for purchase, bring a VAT form! Includes transportation. Departs CAC at 6 p.m., returns approx. 11 p.m.

July 19 Main Paddle

\$20

Always wanted to try kayaking? Learn the basics of touring with an ODR! Beginners wanted! Includes equipment, transportation and instruction. Please pack your own lunch and snacks. Departs CAC at 9:30 a.m. and returns approx. 4 p.m.

July 26 Day Hike

\$15

Explore the nearby hiking areas with Josh and get a little dirty as you explore some caves along the way. Hike will be approx . 25k and be approx. 6 hours long. Please pack lunch, snacks and drinks and dress appropriately. Departs ODR at 9 a.m., returns approx. 5 p.m.

You must register for these trips by the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, please come to Outdoor Recreation, Building 7047.

Family Friendly Trips and Tours

All trips and tours depart from and return to the Community Activity Center (CAC).

July Trips



To many people, St. Vitus Cathedral is Prague Castle. Photo by Jocelyn Bright-Smith.

July 19

Prague City Tour - \$25/person. Depart: 4 a.m., Return 11 p.m.

July 19

Grafenwoehr shopping trip - Depart 9 a.m., Depart Graf PX parking lot: 3 p.m.

July 26

Nürnberg Tierpark (\$15 - entry fees included) - Depart: 8 a.m., Return: 8 p.m.

August Trips

Aug. 2

Legoland (\$20 - entry fees incl.) - Depart: 7 a.m. Return: 10 p.m.

Aug. 2

Grafenwoehr shopping trip - Depart 9 a.m., Depart from Graf PX parking lot: 3 p.m.

Aug. 16

<u>Hohenschwangau</u> and <u>Neuschwanstein Castle</u> Tour (\$20 – entry fees incl.) - Depart: 5:30 a.m., Return: 10 p.m. .

Aug. 16

Grafenwoehr shopping trip - Depart 9 a.m., Depart from Graf PX parking lot: 3 p.m.

Aug. 23

Europa Park (\$20 entry fees incl.) - Depart: 5 a.m., Return: 11:30 p.m.

Aug. 30

Grafenwoehr shopping trip - Depart 9 a.m. Depart from Graf PX parking lot: 3 p.m.



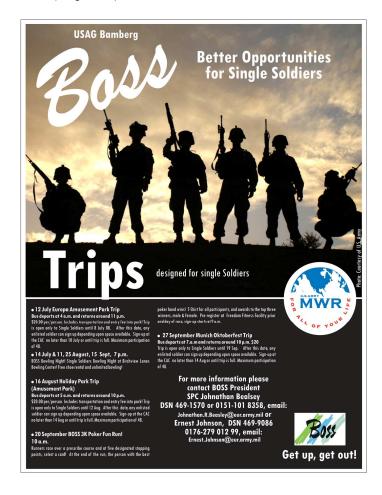
Jennie Stancil enjoys the complimentary cake and refreshments offered during the Yellow Ribbon Room re-opening.

Yellow Ribbon

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Everything kitchen-related was renovated and upgraded, from the doors and the tiles, to the oven and refrigerator.

Now, the Yellow Ribbon Room, the "Resource Center designed to assist Family Readiness Groups and Spouses during times of deployment," is once again available at your disposal. For more information or to reserve the Yellow Ribbon Room, call ACS (Bldg. 7029) at CIV: 09513007777.



Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Frequently used locations can be found online at www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf

Kirchweih in Viereth from 11-14 July 08

Friday, 11 July 08

- Street fest on Austrasse, behind the church St. Martin, 10 a.m. downtown Bamberg
- 4 p.m. Lauschangriff Festival 08 at Jahnwiese in Bamberg
- The play "Magic Flute" at Puppet-on-the-string theater 6 p.m. Loose, Untere Sanddstrasse 20
- The Road Brothers at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstrasse 18 8 p.m.
- 30 plus party at Haas-Saele, Obere Sandstrasse 7 9 p.m.
- 11 p.m. Lauschangriff.aftershow.party at Morph Club,
 - Siechenstrasse 7a

Saturday, 12 July 08

- 7 a.m. Flea market and street fest on Austrasse, behind the church St. Martin, downtown Bamberg
- Organ concert at the Bamberg cathedral (Dom)
- 10 a.m. Village fest at Oberharnsbach
- 11 a.m. Official opening of the street fest on Austrasse, with raffle, different food and beverages
- 1 p.m. Lauschangriff Festival 08 at the Jahnwiese in Bamberg
- 1 p.m. Body & Soul Performance at Austrasse, Bamberg
- 3 p.m. Summer fest at the harbor of Bischberg
- 4 p.m. Pavillon fest in Heiligenstadt
- 5 p.m. Wine fest in Seehof Castle, Memmelsdorf
- 6 p.m. Rock concert in Trabelsdorf
- 7 p.m. Semester end concert with the Orchestra of the Bamberg University at the Aula of the Bamberg University
- 7 p.m. Concert with city Brass Band at the Pfarrgarten of the church St. Heinrich
- 7 p.m. Spanish Night at the yard of the city hall, Schluesselfeld
- 8 p.m. Moert concert at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstrasse 7
- 8.30 p.m. Welcome Summer Night Ball at the Welcome Hotel

Sunday, 13 July 08

- Noon Lauschangriff Festival 2008 at Jahnwiese in Bamberg
- 10.30 a.m. Morning pint with rock concert at Trabelsdorf
- 10.30 a.m. Big Parade of the shooting participaants in Lichtenfels
 - 11 a.m. Morning pint at the street fest, Austrasse (behind the church St. Martin) downtown Bamberg
 - 2 p.m. Summer fest at Brewery Wagner, Kemmern
 - 5 p.m. Australian orchestra concert at the Bamberg concert hall, Muss-Strasse
 - 8 p.m. Eddy Deckert at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstrasse 7

Samba-Festival, 11-13 July 08 in Coburg

Approx. 100 Samba groups from the entire world will participate in the samba festival in Coburg's downtown for the 17th time. Highlight of the festival will be the parade through downtown, which will last several hours

Shooting festival and Volksfest in Lichtenfels from 11 -20 July 08

Large festgrounds with lots of new new rides. Friday evening opening fireworks, Saturday evening live bands performing, starting at 8 p.m.

Magic Bamberg — street festival 18—20 July 08

Stadt Marketing Bamberg e.V. and Zyculus (artist management) would like to invite you to the 9th street festival "Magic Bamberg" from 18 -20 July 08.

For the past nine years magicians, jugglers and street performers from all over the world turn the historic city of Bamberg into a big wizard factory, traditionally on the third weekend in July.

In 2008 both, experienced and new performances as well, will once again turn this street festival to one of the most famous and most successful in Germany.

On 16 July the grand opening will be in the "Keilberthsaal" of the concert- and congress hall from 7:30 until 10 p.m. It is already sold

A laser show and fire shows at the church St. Martin and Gabelmann (Neptune fountain), start at 9 p.m. As every year the festival is free.

Pottery Days 19-20 July at Schloss Weingartsgreuth in Wachenroth

Pottery artists from all over Germany, Netherlands and France offer their exceptional pottery works in a magical ambience. Entrance fee is 5 Euros per person/day. Children under the age of 16 years free. Opening hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Beer days in Kulmbach 6 July-3 August 2008

Friday, 18 July 08

- 6 p.m. The Play "Magic Flute" at the puppet-on-the-string theater, Untere Sandstrasse 30
- Summer fest of the Bamberg service clubs at Schloss 6 p.m. Geverswoerth, Bamberg
- 'Broken Feelings' concert at Blues Bar, 8 p.m. Obere Sandstrasse 7

Saturday, 19 July 08

- 7 a.m. Volksmarch in Katschenreuth near Kulmbach on B(85), distances are 6, 10 and 20 kms, start and finish at Saal bau Eber, Katschenreuth
- 11.30 a.m. Upper Franconian costumes market at the Bauer (Farmer) museum in Frensdorf
 - Noon Organ concert at the Bamberg cathedral (Dom)
 - 3 p.m. Street fest in Bamberg-Gaustadt, food, beverages and a lot of entertainment are offered.
 - 4 p.m. Summer fest of the Bamberg service clubs at Schloss Geyerswoerth with live music
 - 7 p.m. The play "Genoveva" at the puppet-on-the-string theater Loose, Untere Sandstrasse 30
 - 8 p.m. Open air concert with "Ebrachtaler Heimatklaenge" at the Kirchplatz in Ampferbach
- 8.30 p.m. Open air concert with "Maintaler Brassband" at the place of Montauban, Bischberg-Trosdorf

Sunday, 20 July 08

- 7 a.m. Volksmarch in Katschenreuth near Kulmbach on B(85), distances are 6, 10 and 20 kms, start and finish at Saal bau Eber, Katschenreuth
- Organ concert at the church St. Kunigund in Bamberg 5 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Porsche old timer meeting in Heiligenstadt
- River fest in Bamberg, games and fun for the entire family 10 a.m. at the swimming Clubs in Bamberg-Bug
- Village fest and Jacobi market in Rattelsdorf 10 a.m.
- Linden fest in Oberhaid 2 p.m.
- Open house "Health goes better Chinese Medicine" at 2 p.m. the Clinic at the Steigerwald in Gerolzhofen
- 8 p.m. Florian Baessler concert at Blues Bar,
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Obere Sandstrasse 18

As seen in the NEWS ..

News summaries from 7-10 July 2008

About 3,000 visitors at "Canalissimo"

Approx. 3,000 visitors celebrated the sea fest at the old canal with artists and musicians. This fest was Bamberg's highlight for three days. The fest took place for the third time. The past two years it rained but this year the weather was good until Sunday afternoon when rain and heavy wind destroyed two tents of the arts– and crafts market.

Many small steps for big help

The children of the kindergarten "Don Bosco" in Stegaurach walked many rounds and collected 2,167 Euros for projects in India. The rounds consisted of 200 meters; every child walked as many as it could walk within an half hour. For every round relatives, families and friends promised to make a donation.

High pressure at Siemens Company

Siemens' economic board in Munich is discussing and negotiating how many admin jobs will be abolished. The Mayors of Erlangen and Forchheim stay calm.

Yesterday, the Siemens works council could not be reached. Most of them went to Munich to negotiate with the economic board of the company regarding 6,450 jobs, which should be abolished within Germany.

The order books are full, the profit is higher than never before and the company is looking for almost 3,000 qualified employees.

Siemens statistic for our region:

Erlangen (main station) has 21, 593 employees Forchheim (health care) 1,590 and in Bamberg 272 employees. Nuernberg/Fuerth (second largest station within Franconia), 8, 745 and 2,486 employees in Fuerth. The total number within the Franconia Region is 35,539 employees.

Pilots on strike: already 138 flights had to be cancelled in Bavaria

The one-day long strike of the airports Munich and Nuremberg caused the cancellation of 138 flights on Monday. Lufthansa Spokesperson, Bettina Rittberger said:" In Munich all 123 flights of the Subsidiary of Lufhansa "City Line" were cancelled. In Nuremberg it has been 15 flights of "City line" and "Eurowings." People coming to the airports were re-directed to other airplanes or were sent to take the train.

Missing person from Hallstadt dead

The 22-year old young man from Hallstadt, who had been missing since Sunday evening, was found dead on Wednesday afternoon. Police divers found the dead body in a man-made lake in the area of Oberhaid. The search was conducted with helicopters and police dogs.

793rd MP Battalion earns combat patches



In a short, but meaningful ceremony, members of the 793rd MP Battalion earned their combat patches. Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Hodges read the history of the combat patch ceremony and the 18th MP Brigade history. The 18th MP Brigade combat patch is considered prestigious by many who have earned it. Courtesy of Chaplain (Cpt.) CHANG, 793D MP BN Chaplain.

Don't miss our welcome home photo page for our Sky Soldiers on page 14



AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

89 Black BMW 500 series, power windows and locks, sunroof, brand new front and back brakes. Some work required, this is not a car for someone who can't change their brakes or oil. Paid \$1700 one year ago, asking \$700. For more details email aaronbr@hotmail.com.

\$4200 OBO -1999 Kawasaki Ninja ZX-9R, 15,000k miles -Factory Jet Kit -Yoshimura Exhaust -Ninja Green and Metallic Purple -Leather Second Look front and rear seats -Chrome Rims and Chrome Frame sliders -After market Flush Side turn signals and aftermarket rear turn signals -After market headlight w/ green glow ring -Comes with 1 matching helmet, matching jacket, 2 wheel locks and bike cover, and extra helmet -Always used Full Synthetic Oil in Bike. Email knight-train30@yahoo.com phone#- 0151-58212850.

1991 VW Passat Station Wagon for Sale. Good Condition. Dark Blue. Excellent on gas. Asking Price \$1700 OBO. Inspection good until July 10,2008. Contact No. 0160-933-83-244 (Cell) or 0951-2975131 (Home).

2004 Chevy Venture Van, White, AC, Automatic, US Specs, Excellent Condition, 30,000 miles, \$10,000 OBO. Call 0170-7219159 or 09546594733.

White and silver 2007 Honda Shadow Aero. Bike has been well taken care of; I will be happy to show you it. Has never been dropped or damaged. All scheduled maintenance has been kept up as well. VIN can be provided to maintain integrity. As of now the bike only has 1442 miles on it! Odometer reading is as of 07 June 2008. Expected accumulated average mileage for a motorcycle of this model year and engine displacement is 10,600 miles. This is truly a steal! Kelley Blue Book Trade-In value for this bike is \$3,840 and the KBB Retail is \$5755. Average of the two is \$4,700; asking price is \$4,800. If you are interested please send me an email at jonathan.galchik@us.army.mil or call at (0951) 301-5698. Thank you for your

1996 BMW 323i Sports Coupe. Excellent condition, well-maintained, all records available. 100,000 miles. 2 door, 5 speed, power everything, a/c, sunroof. Summer & winter tires and chains. Pioneer 6-cd player. Fast and beautiful. \$4500 (below book value). Mona 0951-

519-3070 or 0160-465-6121. Available mid-June.

2004 Pontiac Grand Prix GT2, 4 door, automatic, maroon, great condition, 62,000 miles, CD player, power driver seat and windows, power locks, keyless entry, power sunroof. Asking \$8000. For information call Zach @ 0174-4689846. BMW M 325i '92 Euro Spec Silver 220k km auto. CD, Sunroof, winter tires, pwr windows. Trans and Electric trouble. Really fast but needs work. Must sell. 1000 euro OBO. Call 0162-597-1027.

2000 Ford Focus wagon Ghia 1.8 Tdci 89KM A/c p/w p/l cd player tilt, int wipers ect. fully loaded, HID headlights. New tires new timing belt all belts and fluids recently changed. This is a great car but with new addition to family need bigger car, gets nearly 40mpg. Call Robert@0152-04717972. For pictures, email robertdemeo@gmail.com.

CUSTOM 97 Audi avant for sale euro spec 55KM JUST PASSED INSPECTION, a/c p/w p/l tilt, int wipers fully loaded lowered, 18" tire wheel package with extra tire and rim set, cold airintake, custom exhaust, 3000 watt Kenwood stereo with 2X 12" woofers, LED lights etc. Many new and custom parts call for full details MUST SELL BABY ON THE WAY. Robert@ 0152-04717972. Email robertdemeo@gmail.com.

95' BMW 520i Black, power windows and sunroof, AC/Heat, 17" Z rated tires and wheels. Must sell ASAP, going to Iraq within the month. Full set of winter tires included. \$2700 OBO. Quentin 01609-100-8560.

1995 BMW 318Ti. One owner, dealer maintained. 48K miles, red, automatic. Available Aug. 1. \$8,500 OBO. Bamberg 0175-9097194 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

1996 BMW 318. One owner, dealer maintained. 168K miles, red. Available July 16. \$9,000 OBO. Grafenwoehr or Bamberg. 0175-9097194 from 7:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

1984 Nissan 300ZX. Excellent Condition. New Registration and Inspection. Fresh Tune-Up. All New Belts incl. Timing Belt. New Brakes and Brake Caliper. Asking \$4,500 OBO. Tel. 0176-4108 7293.

2005 Suzuki King Quad 700cc EFI, quad-matic transmission, comfortable passenger seating and plenty of storage space. Equipment added by German dealer to make this ATV street legal. Asking \$5,900. Call 0951-297-6645 Bamberg.

EMPLOYMENT

USAG Bamberg Community Chapel has a non-personal service contract opportunity for a Catholic Religious Education Coordinator (CRE). We anticipate a performance period of July 11, 2008 through July 10, 2009. Interested parties should contact the Bamberg Re-

gional Contracting Office for a copy of the solicitation packet number W912PG -08-T-0114 which will be used for submission. For additional information contact Bamberg RCO CIV: 0951-300-9401/9383, DSN: 469-9401/9383 or http://www.usacce.army.mil/frc/default.htm; or Sara Bernier at the Chapel at Commercial Tel.: 0951-300-8326, DSN 469-8326.

American Publishing Co. EST. 1917 is looking for a representative for our display in your local PX. Applicants must be of good appearance, friendly and have a good personality, also have a current ID card and own transport. This can be either a part-time or fulltime position. No experience needed as full training is given. Excellent hourly wages. Please contact John at 0172-669-4419 or email: world-book.IM@aol.com

HP/Compaq demonstrator/merchandiser for home office equipment (peripherals, software, etc.) Flexible hours, part-time, some weekend hours. Basic PC knowledge is required. Please send a resume or a short description of prior work experience to: eric.glavic@getmarketing.com.

Contract positions are available with the Bamberg Community Chapel in Catholic and Protestant watch care providers, need CPR, first aid, background check; need Catholic priests. For more information, call 469-1570 or 0951-300-1570.

Licensed Nurses and/or Social Workers – Choctaw Management needs Home Visitors in the Ansbach and Bamberg areas. Candidates must have two years of experience post-graduation working with expectant mothers, new parents, children 0-3, and domestic violence. Sendres umesto ume stomatical afternandez@ima-e.army.mil, or fax them to 370-4091 or 06221-57-4091. For more information call 370-7840 or 06221-57-7840.

Centro Cristiano Bamberg, Casa de Dios y Puerta del Cielo, Pastors JC & Mariet Perez * located at 35 Jäck Straβe, 96052 Bamberg, Tuesdays Circle of Prayer, 7 p.m., Fridays Service, 7 p.m., Sunday School, 2 p.m. and Sundays Service at 3p.m. Church Number 0160-438-5011 or visit us at www.Centro-Cristiano-Bamberg.com. Dios les Bendiga.

The Bamberg Protestant service meets from 11 a.m. to noon every Sun. at the chapel. AWANA meets at the Bamberg High School gym every Sun. evening from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wed. night Bible studies are at the chapel from 5:20 to 7 p.m. Come join us as we worship, celebrate and get to know our Lord. Call Lilo Wittmann at 469-1570.

FOR SALE

2 Stroller Sets GRACO incl. baby seat and car adapter beige light green with Winnie the Pooh and 1 stroller for 2 Kids (one sits behind the other) call 0163-6660470 (Bamberg).

14 Cans ENFAMIL LIPIL with Iron milkbased Infant Formula Powder \$60. 50 to be used by Aug. 1 and by Oct. 1, 2009. Email: oanapierce@yahoo.com or call 0151-55921193.

Free!! Light pattern colored couch with 2 recliners and a fold up table enclosed, one love seat and additional recliner. Great for single soldier but you must haul out. The couch is heavy so bring help. Needs to be removed by the end of July. Please contact Gina at 0171-419-4145 or email mymailboxname@aol.com.

Several must-have items: Electric fan \$10. Cellphone \$10. Transformers \$25 each. Sofa/bed \$50. 19" TV \$40. Halogen lamp \$40. Large matching dish set \$20. Ford Explorer \$4k. E-mail for pictures or specs jay.atwood@eur.army.mil.

For sale baby swing, \$10.00, Baby Einstein Discover & Play, \$30, Pack & Play, \$25, Double Stroller, \$40, Bassinet, \$30, Monitor video (new) \$50. Lots of boys' clothes. Pictures available. Call 0951-297-2036 or email reyesivonne07@yahoo.com.

Maya wrap. Purple shades. Has not been used. Comes with instructional DVD. Paid \$50. Asking \$30. Please email casmarid@yahoo.com.

German bed, 160cm x 200cm, in great condition with 2 fairly new latex mattresses and large storage areas inside bed frame. Asking price is \$600. Must sell! Pick up only! Bamberg area. Can email pics. 0175-7914858.

900MHZ Hp pavilion desktop computer with monitor, keyboard, mouse and speakers. Good condition. Asking \$350.00. Brand new Dual 12" Bandpass subwoofer box. \$150 MUST SELL! Bamberg area. 0175-7914858.

German room shrank, four door (90" tall x 26" wide x 132" long). Two doors with full length mirrors. Paid \$500 a year ago, selling for \$200 OBO. MUST SELL! Can email photos. Call 0951-297 -6645. No delivery. Bamberg.

FOR CHILDREN: FINE RED, 12" BICY-CLE WITH TRAINING WHEELS, GRACO infant foldable battery-powered swing. Call 0170-8311460 in Bamberg.

SERVICES WANTED

Need babysitter for 2 kids - 9 months and 3 yrs- Saturday night, once a month. Call 0151-55921193.

Full-time nanny wanted for our 2 sons, ages 2 and newborn. Some English, CPR and first aid certifications are a must. Our home or yours. References required. Call Jeneen at 0951-297-2275 or 0162-270-3341, if interested.

Wanted baby items. I am having a girl in late July. I need girl or neutral colored items. Everything except a stroller.

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Preferred VERY CLEAN SMOKE AND PET FREE items. I will pay dollars for reasonable priced items. In need of everything: crib, swing, highchair, walker, play pen, infant car seat, etc. Please call Shannah @ 0160-506-8405 or email me @ sy@cprompt.us with photos of items.

In need of house cleaning services in Bamberg area 2-3 times per month, please contact James at 0151-58214457 to discuss fees.

WANTED

I am a social worker arriving in 4-6 weeks as a government contractor. I am looking for a 3 bedroom unfurnished apartment in the Bamberg area. I am also looking for a used auto, German or American specs, automatic, 4-6 cyl, 4 dr, good condition and able to pass inspection, \$3000 range OBO. Reply to doolittle59@aol.com.

Family of 3 desperately seeking a puppy/ dog \$200 or less. Medium to small sized. Good with small kids and other dogs. Call Penny anytime 0951- 297-4157 or email punkybruster69@ hotmail.com.

I am looking for a good dependable auto for less than \$1500 that I can use until my POV is shipped from the states. Any year, make or model will be considered. 0114998029506112.

AD SUBMISSIONS

The Warner Weekly is now offering the USAG Bamberg community another outlet for their classified advertising needs. We present this week's ads courtesy of the Bavarian News, but our goal is to provide you, the Bamberg community, a direct outlet for your classified needs. If you have something you want to advertise in the classified section please e-mail your submissions to bambergpao@eur.army.mil. When submitting a classified ad for publication, be sure to include your name, address and telephone number. We will not advertise commercial services, home-based businesses, or other private off-post entities.

We will ONLY accept classified ads by email. We will not accept advertisements by phone or hand-written. These classified ads are a free service to you and in order for us to provide them, they must be in a cut-and-paste text only format. We hope this service is something you will utilize. For more information, please email us at bambergpao@eur.army.mil.

AAFES **Bamberg Movie Schedule** AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed. Made Of Honor (Pg-13) 7 p.m. Jul 12 Wall-E (G)(1strun) Sat 4 p.m. Made Of Honor (Pg-13) 7 p.m. Sun Jul 13 Wall-E (G)(1strun) 4 p.m. Deception (R) 7 p.m. Mon Jul 14 Forgetting Sarah Marshal (R) 7 p.m. Thur Jul 17 Iron Man (Pg-13) 7 p.m. Fri. Jul 18 What Happens In Vegas (Pg-13) 7 p.m. Sat. Jul 19 What Happens In Vegas (Pg-13) 4 p.m. Hancock (Pg-13)(1strun) 7 p.m. Jul 20 Sun. Iron Man (Pg-13) 4 p.m. 7 p.m. Hancock (Pg-13)(1strun) Mon Jul 21 Hancock (Pg-13)(1strun) 7 p.m. Jul 24 Iron Man (Pg-13) Thur 7 p.m. Fri. Jul 25 The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian (Pg) 7 p.m. Sat. Jul 26 Journey To The Center Of The Earth (Pg)(1strun) 4 p.m. Speed Racer (Pg) 7 p.m. Jul 27 Journey To The Center Of The Earth (Pg)(1strun) Sun. 4 p.m. The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian (Pg) 7 p.m. Mon Jul 28 Speed Racer (Pg) 4 p.m. Jul 31 Journey To The Center Of The Earth (Pg)(1strun) Thur 7 p.m.

Ladies love golf clinic



Pat Burr (I to r), Sandra Roemer, Sue Kelly, Denise Cuevas and Martha Ricaldi attended the June women's golf clinic held at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Also shown is golf course manager Danny Brown. The next clinic will begin Aug. 4. For more information, call Whispering Sands Golf Course at CIV: 0951-469-8953. Photo by Kimberly Augustine.

